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Letter dated 9 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letters dated 14 September 2006 and 7 March 2007 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations (S/2006/745 and S/2007/128 respectively), and the annexes to said letters, as well as the letter dated 7 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations (A/61/620-S/2006/949), I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless claims of the United Arab Emirates regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of the Iranian territory and the contents of the annexes to the said letters regarding these Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value.

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to believe that continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates will lead to the expansion of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields, and will help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian Island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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